

## Stories Eminently Worth Telling of Experiences and Adventures in the Great National Struggle.

Santa Barbara (Cal.) Independent. The author was found to be Comrade C. A. Storke, a leading lawyer of Santa Bardows, "Fresh fish; fresh fish," "Fresh fish; fresh fish," "Fresh fish; fresh fish," "Fresh fish; fresh fish; "Fresh fish; "Fres

who were in Andersonville in those cruel days of June, July, August and September, 1864, I have wondered how women, delicately reared and cultured we arrived on the evening of the 15th. In common with all the comrades as are many of the Daughters of the Confederacy, could unite in a monu-ment to a man so utterly devoid of no-

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Problem Lawyer.

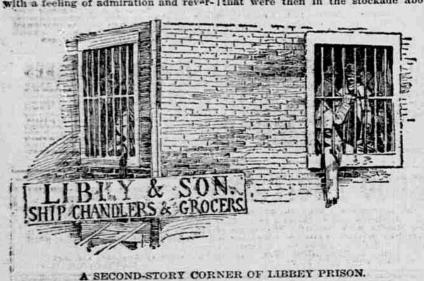
Problem Some weeks ago we published a lead-ing editorial of unusual merit from the building and upon which were the words, "Libbey & Sons, Ship Chandlers and Grocers," No inquiry was necesbara, and whose son is the editor and proprietor of the Independent. In reply to a request from the editor of The National Tribune, Comrade Storke says:

In common with all the comrades

The same of the same of the says are saved to properly the save soon told us. After a few days in Libber we were transferred diagonally across the street to Pemberton, and about the 11th of June were placed on board the cars with 4,000 or 5,000 others.

### In Andersonville,

On the morning of the 16th we were ble traits of character as was Henri Wirz. I can understand how they can and do honor Gen. Lee and Gen. Stuart and Gen. Johnston and Longstreet and Hill and many another of the leaders to the stockade at that time contained about 17 acres, and was nearly desired to Hill and many another of the leaders tained about 17 acres, and was nearly who jed the Confederacy even down to in square form. If anyone desires to defeat. I myself could stand before a monument of Gen. Lee and, in fact, a monument of many another Confeder-by 82, and he will thus have the apate, and take off my hat to the dead proximate number. Of the 17 acres with a feeling of admiration and rever-that were then in the stockade about



(From a ph otograph.)

I was captured on the right at Cold Harbot, often called Bethesda Church, larged by extending it towards the on the 1st day of June, 1864. My reginorth and 10 acres added. When the ment was the 36th Wis, and my compensation of the detachment was the set of the detachment was the set of the detachment. ment to which I had formerly belonged ment, B, E, G and F, on that day was broken up, and I then became a charged across an open field for 500 member of what was called 52-3; that yards in the face of a withering fire from the artillery of the Confederates. from the artillery of the Confederates. Of the 248 men of the regiment who entered the charge in a short hour 169 were hit and 28 were captured. We reached the abatis, and the survivors, concealed in measure behind this, were figure at the cannoneers, hoping to protect a charging line which it was hoped the gatherings from three shirts, which the gatherings from three shirts, which the gatherings from three shirts, which the gatherings from three shirts, which

dition by a comrade of the company with the great majority of prisoners, calling out to me, "Stop firing, Storke; were removed from Andersonville. The you will get us all killed," and, looking squad that I belonged to were of those you will get us all killed," and, looking around. I found that the enemy were in woods to the right and were in our rear. A young Confederate from North Carolina called out to me, "Surrender," and added words more emphatic than pelite. I was getting up with my mushet, when he continued, "Drop that," and was still more foreible. I dramed only four of us estand. Andersonville. and added words more emphatic than pellie. I was getting up with my musket, when he continued, "Drop that," and was still more forcible. I dropped the musket, and looked around to see the Daughters of the Contact the musket, and looked around to see the musket around the muske was gone and surrendered. There were place where the Daughters of the Con-28 men of the regiment taken prison-iederacy have erected the monument ers at that time who were unhit and to Wirz.

ence for the many good and manly qualities they possessed. But a monument to Wirz; that is the lim?:

If first looked down upon Andersonville on the 15th day of June, 1864, just as the shades of twilight were covering the misery and ruffering endured by the 20,000 prisoners then in that den of infamy and crime. I saw the emaciated forms, the look of suffering and despair in the faces of the thousands confined there, and my despair was almost overpowering, knowing as I did that the lot of those I saw was to be my lot.

Captured on the Firing Line.

I was captured on the right at Cold

three acres were covered by the marsh that you only remember too well, and thus 20,000 men had to eat, sleep and permanently abide upon the remaining 14 acres. There were more than 1,500 men upon each acre of habitable land. I remember the first night, when I sought a place to like down on the earth. I was driven from one place to another by those who had previously pre-empted that spot, and finally found a place to sleep among the Plymouth pilgrims, whom, you may remember, were located on the north side; about half-way across the stockade upon the little street leading from the north gate.

I was captured on the right at Cold

In a few days the stockade was en the charging the which it was noped the gatherings from the squad contributed for a the right retired and made it possible covering from the Midsummer's sun, and had one side supported by the dead line. There we lived until the 30th day of September, 1864, and in common



FIEW OF THE NORTH HILLSIDE, THE SWAMP, THE DEADLINE, THE STOCKADE AND GUARDS AT ANDERSONVILLE. (From a photograph.)

they were used as charged.

One of the memories of my last days at Andersonville is that of Little Father

Hamilton, the only minister of any de-nomination that I ever saw at Ander-

detachment of which I was of right a member; but seeing a prospect of getting out of prison this was the detachment to which I was loyal. After requiring from us the usual oath that we would not take up arms until duiy exchanged according to the McClellan cartel, we were put on board the cars, and started back to Savannah under the promise that we were to be there paroled.

At Florence, S. C.

On arriving at Savannah, however, we were double-guarded and sent on thru Charleston to Florence Military Prison, Camp Sorghum. I had left behind with the comrades at Blackshear everything that I had gathered to make prison life even possible; the little bags formed from the lining of the coat

Andersonville furnished nearly one tenth of all the men who died either from wounds or disease during the entire civil war. There are 13,000 buried at Andersonville, other large numbers at Millen, Florence, Charleston and Savannah, and 1,600 are of those who were on the Sultana, which in April, 1865, was burned near Memphis, when they

on the Sultana, which in April, 1865, was burned near Memphis, when they were on their way to freedom and home. I have no doubt but that 20,000 of those who were in Andersonville died

of those who were in Andersonville died ere they saw home.

Now, there is no act on the statute books of the United States that in any way recognizes the heroism or the pa-triotism of the men from whom these 20,000 dead came. Day after day the Confederate recruiting officer was in the prison seeking for recruits from the prisoners and offering them life, liberty and all that man holds dear if they would but forswear their country, and the number that accepted this proffer

Storke, Santa Barbara, Cal.

C. A. STORKE. sleeve to hold the meal and the bean rations, the half a canteen to cook the scant ration in and the pint cup, which

had more uses than any other culinary article ever had. Upon reaching Camp Sorghum for the first time I was in ab-

solute despair. My clothes were in tat-ters; I had nothing in which to carry my rations, nothing in which to cook

was frilled in its sleeves from the elbow down to the wrist, and the shirt sleeves

part to patch the knee of one pant leg.

were such as to color our testimony. But there are certain facts which no-

body, not even the Confederates them-

selves, will deny. Until the famous Providential Spring broke out nine-

me to reach so as to get the purest

## SHERIDAN AT CEDAR CREEK. The Historical Facts-Rosser at Apthem, and no covering from the December winds and cold. My coat, an ordinary dress coat of the private soldier,

pomattox. Editor National Tribune: It is very strange that men who claim to have taken part in the battle of Cedar Creek were gone. One of the tails of my coat should differ so widely as to the time I had cut off, and had used the severed of Sheridan's arrival at the front. part to patch the knee of one pant leg, and was saving the other tail for the same necessary service to the other leg. Wm. Clowes, of the 61st Pa., is surprised that Comrade A. A. Tyler should place the time as late as 4 o'clock. As

Now, as to the monument to Wirz, that his memory has become exceed-it is inexcusable. Wirz was hung, not because the prisoners were not ex-iish the fact that he never read Sheri-

changed, but because he made the life dan's Memoirs.

of prisoners unendurable. I will admit that all of us who had been under his rule at Andersonville were prejudiced dan was then five hours with the army, against him, and that our prejudices Fisher's Hill is 20 miles above Winchester, Strasburg 18 miles and Middle-

town just 12.
Comrade Clowes is also very much in error as to the number of guns cap-tured from the rebels, he, as he says, tenths of the prisoners obtained their counting them when parked next day drinking water from the creek. Often I have gone for water at the creek, and reached as far as safety would permit number captured by us was 64 pieces. number captured by us was 64 pieces, and 24 of this number were guns of our own that we lost in the onslaught of the early morning. Nearly all of

There is about as much nonsens which I read recently was that Gen. he had used the hounds to trail and torture escaping prisoners. Now, a little incident that came under my observation convinces my mind, and ought to any fair-minded man, that this was true. I have heard, and you have true of the hounds bay, as they were taken around the prison cally, but the fact that I relate is proof positive that they were used as charged.

# THE TWENTY-THIRD CORPS. An Indiana Comrade Insites the Editor

From a photograph.

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the prison seeking for recruits from the prisoners and offering them life, liberty and all that man holds dear if they and all that man holds dear if they ship on the big side-wheel steamer, would but forswear their country, and the number that accepted this proffer was very, very small. Is it not about time that either a Medal of honor or a pension or other evidence that the Government recognizes the partiolism of these men be granted by the Government? Ought not this wrong to be righted before monuments are erected to the rebel dead at Fort Delaware or at any other burial place where the Confederate prisoners are buried?

Now, my dear comrade, if you print this i I would ask that there also be printed a request that if either Serg't-maj, Curly, of the 1st Com, Cav., or Private Gannon, of the 1st Vt. Cav., or Redhiser, of a Pennsylvania regiment, and from Lancaster County, or Camp, of Philadelphia, and a candy maker, feat this that they will send their and from Lancaster County, or Camp, of Philadelphia, and a candy maker, read this that they will send their and the mouth of Cape Fear River. Then transfer to smaller vessely and adjusted mouth of Cape Fear River. Then transfer to smaller vessely and adjusted mouth of Cape Fear River. Then transfer to smaller vessels and go up the river 15 miles, and a fort Allerson for a week. Then ment? Ought not this wrong to be righted before monuments are erected to the other living in this tor 85 rears, 10 dailer in Mailer the was a private solding to the was a private solding. The was a menter of the Revan Author of the swas a private solding to the river 15 miles, and a fertile can and from the particular the cape and the light provide letter my own personal while and at fort Delaware or the swas a fertili

just invite you to take this little excursion with us. I am sure it would be very interesting reading to the Army of Ohio.-George McCain, 123d Ind., Dexter, Iowa.

## THE STONEMAN RAID.

ioneman Brought Disaster by Disobedience of Orders.

Editor National Tribune: In your paper of June 17 you give a pretty ac-curate account of the Stoneman-Mc-Cook raid on the right of Atlanta. It is true, as you state, that "Stoneman had shown far more startling incompeand was saving the other tail for the same necessary service to the other leg. and the unpatched leg was uncovered at every step. One of my shoes had a top and no sole and the other had a sole and no top, and many a day have I stood in line when the roll was called and brought up the unprotecied foot against the other leg to keep it from the frosty ground. For a hat I had secured an old pant leg, and had made a turban out of it. The seam of the back of my coat near the shoulder had ripped for six or eight inches and showed the cotton batting and the dead lice which infested it.

But good luck was mine. Shortly after entering the prison at Florence I met a comrade of my regiment who was captured, but of another company, and

met a comrade of my regiment who above Winchester. From Mill Creek is a mile and a hait was captured at the same time I was captured, but of another company, and had been among those sent from Andersonville to Charleston and thence to Florence, and he took me in under his blanket and permitted me to draw rations with him. However, it was not of his army at half past 10 o'clock. He for me to remain long at Florence. On the 13th day of December an order came to select a thousand for parole, and it was my good luck to be smining those selected as too ill to return to the regiment, and therefore desirable to the freight of his leaving Winchester, how very selected as too ill to return to the regiment, and therefore desirable to false and with us came the news that Sherman had reached the sea.

Now, as to the monument to Wirz.

Winchester, From Mill Creek is a mile and a hait was captured at the same time I was privated to take to the fields. He day not blocked with wagons and other vehicles heading for Winchester that he was compelled to take to the fields. He arrived, as he says himself, on the line arrived, as he says himself, on the line.

There is no doubt but that Gen. Mc-Cook became panic-stricken when he falled to hear anything from Stoneman, and started to return to his place on the plank, as ordered to do. It was sen very readily from the distance covered in the ride, coupled with the time of his leaving Winchester, how very whole rebel army at Atlanta, with an inferior force, with about 106 miles inside the enemy's line and a deep, swift river to cross. But luckily he had some trained leaders and a deep, swift river to cross. But luckily he had some trained leaders and some trained leaders and seasoned men, and he was able to extricate himself without much loss, all the line.

The Monument to Wirz.

It is inexcusable. Wirz was hung, not winder stricken the found the road so crowded the heart anything from Stoneman, and started to return to he sen very readily from the distance covery readily from the dist tioned squarely across his route, besides a division of infantry that was halted there on its way to Atlanta. Here he was forced to abandon his artillery and cut his way out. If he made any mis-take in the campaign, it is thought it was here. He suffered his command to be divided. Croxton and Torrey broke thru the lines with their brigades, and left the General on the field with Harrison's Brigade. Had he followed then out he could have crossed the river at Mörris Bridge, only about 10 miles dis-tant, but after they got separated the command crossed at three different places, and returned to Marietta in de tachments and squads. Gen. McCook crossed the river at Philpot's Ferry with Harrison's Brigade This brigade was composed of the 8th Ind., 2d Ky., 4th Tenn., 9th Ohio and 5th Iowa Cay. He reached the ferry about midnight, and the remainder of the night and until about 10 o'clock next day was con-sumed in getting the command over. The 4th Tenn. Cav. covered the rear, and did not arrive until about 4 o'clock Lieut. Smith, of Co. C, was immediately sent back to the foot of the hills with a detachment of men to hold the rebels in check until the command could be ferried over. Lieut, Smith had no proferried over. Lieut, Smith had no pro-tection for his men, except a temporary barricade of rails and logs hastily thrown together. The enemy soon made their appearance. He was successful in holding them back until the last boatload was ferried over, and, see ing he was abandoned, took his men and passed down a ravine in the field to the river, where they constructed rafts of rails and succeeded in getting

Gen. McCook in his report says s men of the 8th Ind. Cav. took position in the stockade covering the crossing and fought until their last cartridge was exhausted, and then surrendered He speaks very eloquently and pathetically of the 8th Ind. Cav., but failed to say one word about Lieut. Smith and his men behind their temporary barri-Now, it appears that Lieut. Smith and his men deserve as much credit for the part they took in the affair as the 8th Ind. All that is asked is that justice be done to all parties in that heroic struggle,—Alexander Eckel, Co. C. 4th Tenn. Cav., Knoxville, Tenn.

Where the Rebel Johnston Fell. Editor National Tribune; In your is-ue of March 18 a correspondent gives what he calls "a correct account" of the death of Albert Sidney Johnston at

intended. The situation being as it was on April 6, 1862, Napoleon or Alexan-der or Cesar would have been as help-less.—John T. Beil, 2d Iowa, Oakland,

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## MUSTERED OUT.

BASEY.—J. A. Rasey passed from this life of the great campdires above at Dekalb Junc-ion, N. Y., June 15, 1909. He was in his 2d year. He enlisted Sept. 3, 1864, in the st N. Y. L. A. Battery D. and served until he war closed. A host of friends mourn his loss.

OHMERT.—Simon K. Ohmert, of Co. D., 186th Ohio, was found dead near the town of Los Palomas, Sierra County, N. Mex., June 10, 1909. He had an application of long standing before the Pension Office, but did not succeed in establishing his claim. He was in poor health, and died alone and help-less.

DICKEY.-At Randolph, Mass., June 16 1909. Robert Dickey passed to the other world, after living in this for 86 years, 10 months and 19 days. He was a native of Maine and spent most of his life in that State as a farmer. He was a private soldier in a Maine regiment. Six children survive, and a widow of 91 years.

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water possible, and have found mag-gots in the bottom of the cup. Often I have drank water with maggets swim- those guns were captured on the pike ming in the water for this reason. Now, is it denied that by the use of a few boards the water could have been brought in from without the stockade about half way between Strasburg and Fisher's Hill. I gave about a year ago an account in The National Tribune unpolluted? Again, you know, and guns, not exactly in the battle, but after every one who ever was in Anderson-ville during the Summer of 1864 knows. the scarcity of wood. Never did I have wood during all the time I was in An-and and written of Sheridan's ride as dersonville sufficient to cook even much tox. One of the stories of Appon or rice so that it was eatable, much less meal or beans. If the rice got to a boil it had to be considered cooked. Rosser, refusing to surrender with the and if the mush began to emit steam it balance of Lee's army, massed his cavalso was done; and never did I see a alry division of 4,500 men on the Union also was done; and never did I see a bean, or a pea, better called, which was cooked sufficiently to make it catable. Now, this way the fact, and yet you know, and I know and all the guards at Andersonville know, that from where I slept, just opposite the third guard post from the northeast corner, I could have pitched a stone into a pitch-pine forest. It follows that Wirz could have furnished the prisoners a reasonable sufficiency of wood if do so, made a wide circuit around the ers a reasonable sufficiency of wood if do so, made a wide circuit around the he had so desired.

Union left and got away. We didn't Hounds Torture Prisoners.

Again, one of the charges of the court-martial that tried Wirz was that he had used the hounds to trail and torture escaping prisoners. Now a literal court is a literal and got away. We didn't know until next morning that he slipped out; but, the fact is, we didn't care. Gen. Early always alluded to Rosser's generalship with a sneer; but, whether Early's criticisms were tried to the court of the court of